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(b) The rules applied throughout the Presidency in fixing the initial pay of present incumbents in the new time-scales were as follows :—

"Existing incumbents will ordinarily enter the time-scales at the stage next above the lowest rate of salary per mensem drawn by them on any date within a period of three months prior to 1st March 1921 or their temporary pay on 28th February 1921, if that is greater, provided that, if such salary or temporary pay represents any definite stage in the new scale, they should start at that stage. The term 'salary' includes substantive pay, temporary increase thereon . . . acting allowance and personal allowance, if any.

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"When initial pay has been fixed according to the foregoing rules, the individual concerned will be considered to have entered the appropriate stage of the time-scale on 1st March 1921 and will be eligible for the next increment, if any, in the time-scale only after the expiry of the full period of stay provided for in the stage concerned."

*Imprisonment of Messrs. Kaleswara Rao and Seshiah of Bezwada.*

560 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether it is a fact that Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao and Mr. A. V. G. R. Seshiah of Bezwada were charged by the police in Mis. Case No. 6/22 before the Additional Magistrate, Bezwada, under section 107 of the Criminal Procedure Code and whether the said Magistrate directed them to furnish security for Rs. 500 each and that on their refusal to furnish such security, the accused are now undergoing simple imprisonment for one year;

(2) whether the Magistrate has directed the above accused to furnish security on the ground that the accused "not only advocated non-payment of the municipal taxes in their speeches at the meetings referred to, but also got the fact published by beat of tom-tom on more than one occasion and that the existing municipal council has been constituted by Government in the due exercise of its powers, and the only remedy for any grievances consists in a proper constitutional agitation for its redress, and that the action of the accused tends to the dislocation of the present machinery of the municipality resulting in a breach of the peace or the disturbance of public tranquillity;"

(3) whether the Government have issued any instructions that those who carry on any agitation for the rectification of municipal grievances should be bound down to keep the peace; and

(4) whether there has been an inordinate delay in the reconstitution of the Bezwada municipal council under the Municipal Act of 1920 and whether considerable dissatisfaction existed and exists at Bezwada in regard to the action of the Government in postponing from time to time the elections to the municipal council and whether the accused took part in an agitation intended to draw the attention of the Government to the state of the municipal administration of Bezwada?

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*A.*—(1) & (2) The Government have not a copy of the order.

(3) No.

(4) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to question No. 1309-A asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 18th February 1922. The elections have now been held and the new council came into existence on 17th November 1922. The Government have no information in regard to the other points.

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Sir, after I had sent my reply to the question, the hon. Member himself supplied me with a copy of the judgment, from which I am able to say that the cases are correctly stated in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the question."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—" I asked the hon. Member whether he was aware of the judgment, whether he would consider the desirability of issuing instructions for the release of Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao, and whether the Government would make any supplemental answer with regard to that part of my request."

The hon. Mr. K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I have never had any such question. Excepting this question, there was no other question asked as to whether the Government would consider the question of releasing Mr. Kaleswara Rao. If the question is put, I will answer."

*Recruitment of specialists in the Agricultural and Industrial departments.*

561 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(*a*) to state how the specialists in the agricultural and industrial departments are recruited at present ;

(*b*) to give a list of specialists recruited for a limited period in the agricultural and industrial departments within the last twelve years and to state whether in any of these cases the specialist was replaced by a competent Indian trained by the specialist ;

(*c*) to give a list of specialists kept on after the period for which they were recruited was over and the reasons for the same ; and

(*d*) to state whether the Government have considered the possibility of recruiting all specialists for a limited term and having Indians trained under them to take their place ; and if so, what is the conclusion they have come to ?

*A.*—(*a*) In the Agricultural Department the specialists are recruited as members of the Indian Agricultural Service on probation for three years with guarantee of permanent retention on the satisfactory conclusion of their probation. In the Industries Department they are generally recruited on short-term contracts.

(*b*) & (*c*) In the Agricultural Department the post of Entomologist was originally sanctioned for a term of five years and a European officer appointed to it, but as at the expiry of that period no Indian of adequate attainments was available for the post, the Government decided to retain the European officer permanently.